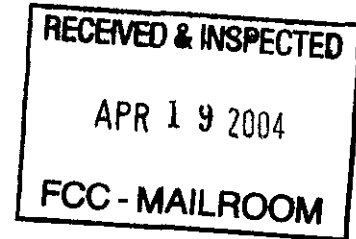


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April 12, 2004

Marlene H Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: RM-10865/DA No 04-700

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Kitsap County Sheriff's Office submits these comments on the U.S. DOJ/FBI/DEA joint petition filed on March 10, 2004 before the FCC requesting that the FCC resolve, on an expedited basis, various critically important issues arising from the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).

It is vitally important the FCC adopt the rules proposed by the DOJ, FBI, and DEA. Congress enacted CALEA in 1994 to insure law enforcement has the ability to conduct authorized wiretaps as technologies change. Since 1994, many new communications technologies have arisen (e.g. broadband internet access, voice over IP telephony, and push-to-talk services). These services pose a great challenge to law enforcement because providers of these services failed to voluntarily adopt currently available solutions. Voluntary industry compliance with CALEA does not work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Boyer".

Stephen A. Boyer
Kitsap County Sheriff

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cc. FBI CALEA Implementation Unit

